

Editorial Opinion

Welcome, New Student

Welcome to Penn State!

We hope you're glad to be here. We're glad you are here — to gain a college education and to carry on the traditions of the University.

We hope you'll be just as welcome when you come back next year as you are now. Whether you will be, of course, is something we can't tell yet—something that depends entirely on you.

Your welcome next year naturally will depend on your actions this year. And if those actions are aimed toward bettering yourself intellectually and socially and toward building up the traditions established by classes of the past, you will be welcome indeed.

Everything you do in your college life here will be so closely associated in some way with the University that your actions will become Penn State's actions.

When you walk down the street in your home town, you are Penn State. When you wear a Penn State jacket or drive a car with a Penn State sticker, you represent the home of the Nittany Lions. When you eat in a State College restaurant or attend a sports event, you are the University.

Of course we will not be able to welcome many of you back next year. You won't be here.

Surveys have shown that approximately 50 per cent of freshmen entering the University fail to graduate.

Scholarship is of great importance, and your first reason for being here is to get a scholastic education.

But we hope you will not neglect the other phases of education.

If by the time you graduate you must admit that you have never donned a dink, never watched a lacrosse game, never visited the Penn State Room, never attended a chapel service or never at least seen the inside of a fraternity, then you will not have given yourself a very complete education.

We hope you will avail yourself of these opportunities. And we hope you will take a part in Penn State's activities, upholding her traditions and working for her betterment.

We want to welcome you back next year.

Roar, Young Lions!

It has often been said by visiting spectators, coaches, and even game officials that Penn State fans are good sportsmen. We like it that way and we want to maintain our reputation.

You are going to be part of these sports crowds, crowds that we hope will continue to enjoy and help others enjoy Penn State sports by being sportsmen—by supporting the Nittany Lions enthusiastically, appreciating and applauding good plays by both teams.

So when you witness an outstanding Lion play, don't be afraid to let yourself be heard. You won't lose any of your sophistication by letting loose and cheering.

Your class's enthusiasm can lead the way to strong support for, and fine performances by, the Nittany Lions.

We hope this freshman class, the University's 100th, will be the finest and most enthusiastic sports fans in her history.

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One of Country's Few

Collegian Enters Its 54th Year As Uncensored Student Paper

The Daily Collegian, one of the nation's few student-operated newspapers which are free from censorship and day-to-day direct supervision, enters its 54th year of publication with this issue.

The State Collegian, an 8-column, 4-page weekly appeared in 1904. In succeeding years, the name was changed to the Penn State Collegian and finally to The Daily Collegian.

Actually, The Collegian can trace its history further back, to the Free Lance, a combination literary magazine and newspaper in booklet form established in 1887.

From its beginnings, the Collegian has been free from censorship by faculty and administration.

The late President Ralph Dorn Hetzel was the first to clearly set forth the principle of free press at the University when he told the new Collegian editor:

"No member of the College administration will censor your copy in advance of publication."

The Collegian, as a student newspaper, emphasizes in its coverage that which it does best—covering campus news.

But it is not restricted to this. A lease-wire member of the Associated Press, the Collegian covers news from all over the state, nation and world.

Because of its assured 14,000 circulation, the Collegian has

been called the best way for both local and national advertisers to reach the University students.

Organizationally, the Collegian is operated by two staffs—editorial, headed by Editor Robert Franklin, and business, under Business Manager Frank Vojtasek.

The editor and the business manager are responsible to Collegian, Inc., publishers of the newspaper. Collegian, Inc., is a board composed of four students in addition to the editor and business manager and six faculty and administration personnel. James H. Coogan Jr., director of the Department of Public Information, is president.

Newspaper policy and its day-to-day running is handled by the Board of Editors of the (Continued on Page 21)

Behind the News

Enrollment Grows, Farm Work Goes

By Bob Franklin

The University would be in a fine fix if the Class of 1962—the 100th class—were to arrive today in circumstances similar to the first rush to the campus.

Only 69 of the 100 persons who had engaged places showed up when the Farmers' High School opened on Feb. 16, 1859.

And when the students got here they found their dormitory—Old Main—with only one wing completed and with no dining room, kitchen, or bathroom facilities.

The dining room and kitchen were set up in nearby white-washed construction shanties. Water was obtained from other parts of the campus.

There was only one entrance to the building, and that was gained on a cleated board like a ship's gang plank. Piles of stone, brick and lumber were all over the place, and a large quarry hole yawned at the east side of the building.

Students who must begin the 1958-59 year living in temporary quarters at the hospital or in residence hall lounges are fortunate by comparison.

The first classmen found three-inch-thick heavy doors put at the stairway entrance to each floor to be locked at night, thus forcing students to study rather than visit friends.

The students' only means of getting to their rooms was to walk up and down the stairs, as many as five flights. And there were no fire escapes when the building opened.

Of course the student's day was not all study and no work. He was required to put in three hours every day except Saturday and Sunday on farm work.

The students of the Class of 1862 did have the longer Christmas vacation more recent classes have been clamoring for. But it had one drawback: it was also the summer vacation, since terms ran from the middle of February to the middle of December.

But the outlook couldn't have been too discouraging, since more students kept arriving. A total of 119 were enrolled during the session, but no more than 100 were in attendance at any one time.

President Evan Pugh commented sadly on the withdrawals and expulsions: "Experience soon proved that this flock was not without its black sheep."

English, mathematics, philosophy and a wide range of

scientific subjects composed most of the 4-year college curriculum. Four professors taught the subjects.

The original Old Main was not completed until 1863. It served as practically the entire school and housed everything except the livestock—and sometimes even that at the hands of prankster students.

And what happened to the pioneer students who began classes in 1859? Three years later, the first class, composed of 11 members, was graduated. The next year the graduating class consisted of 15 members, the largest before 1890, according to Wayland F. Dunaway, professor emeritus of American history and author of "History of The Pennsylvania State College."

The Class of 1962, with a slightly easier college life, should be able to better that percentage.



Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"That's Mr. Haywick—he's in charge of freshman orientation."